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Mr. C. W. Axce
General Manager
BASF Corporation
1609 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Re: Civil Action 80-73699 Consent Decree

Dear Mr. Axce:

This letter is written in response to your letter of December 4, 1987, and follows lengthy discussions concerning its subject both within U.S. EPA and with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Your letter of December 4 requests approval of a plan for removal of the concrete from the centrally located drainage swale and replacement with a synthetic liner. Such a change would require modification of the above referenced Consent Decree. We are deferring a decision on your request at this time pending the results of the leachate/runoff study BASF will be conducting in the Spring.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (312) 886-4885.

Sincerely,

Bonnie L. Eleder
Remedial Project Manager

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Connie Puchalski, ORC
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